

ABSTRACT

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Barr's Orchard

Leitersburg Vicinity

private

Late 18th Century

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY 581

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Barr's Orchard**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

North of Durberry Road

CITY, TOWN

☒ VICINITY OF **Leitersburg**

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Washington**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☒ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Harold S. Barr

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Route # 2

CITY, TOWN

Smithsburg

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21783**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Court House

STREET & NUMBER

West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland 21740**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED \leq 50%	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This farm group is located at the end of a private lane which extends in a northerly direction from Durberry Road, southeast of Leitersburg in Washington County, Maryland. It is situated on high ground and faces southeast.

The house is a two story, six bay frame structure resting on low fieldstone foundations. A modern addition has extended part of the back or northwest wall. A variety of sheathings cover the surface of the house the oldest being beaded weatherboarding along the front elevation beneath the porch. According to the owner the building is a timber frame structure with stone and mortar nogging.

Windows and doors appear to be aligned with each other in the walls. Openings have wide frames finished with molded trim. Most window sashes have been replaced. At the first floor level some original nine light upper sashes are retained while six light upper sashes are in place at the second story level. Entrances are located in the third and fifth bays from the south end of the front elevation. The westernmost door is framed similarly to the windows and has a transom.

The two more eastern bays of the house are separated from the main portion of the structure by a thick structural wall which may have been the original end wall of the more westerly section. The main stair in the house is set parallel to the front wall and extends across the window which is located between the two front doors. Several houses in the Leitersburg vicinity have this stair arrangement. All appear to date from the late 18th or very early 19th century. Wood paneling finishes the staircase. Interior doors have six raised panels. Prior to twentieth century renovations a large service fireplace was located in the southwest end wall. According to the owner, this room was formerly a kitchen.

The roof of the house has been sheathed with modern asphalt shingles. Barge boards are attached directly to the end walls. Plain boxing under which runs a course of molding finishes the eaves.

A 20th century porch supported by large square posts extends along the front elevation. It is a flat roofed structure with a balustrade along its eaves.

East of the house is a modern gambrel roofed barn. The property contains 102.5 acres and is part of a commercial orchard. The buildings appear to be in excellent condition.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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According to Herbert C. Bell's History of Leitersburg District, this farm has been in the hands of the Stoner and Barr families for most of its history. It includes parts of two land grants, "Resurvey on Deceit" and "Darling's Sale." "Deceit" was originally patented by John Darling in 1743. When it was purchased by Joseph Perry in 1754 it was resurveyed and enlarged to 658 acres. It was subsequently owned by Daniel Hughes and Benjamin and John Crockett. In 1783 Deceit was bought by Martin Barr. In 1801, 193 acres were sold to John Stoner by Col. John Barr, his brother-in-law and presumably part of that land is included in the present farm. The farm remaining in the Stoner family until 1917. It was purchased by the Barr family in 1937.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Bell, Herbert C., History of Leitersburg District. Leitersburg, Md: The author, 1
Washington County Land Records.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 102.5 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Washington County Historical Sites Survey

DATE

August 1977

STREET & NUMBER

County Office Building, 33 West Washington Street

TELEPHONE

791-3065

CITY OR TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

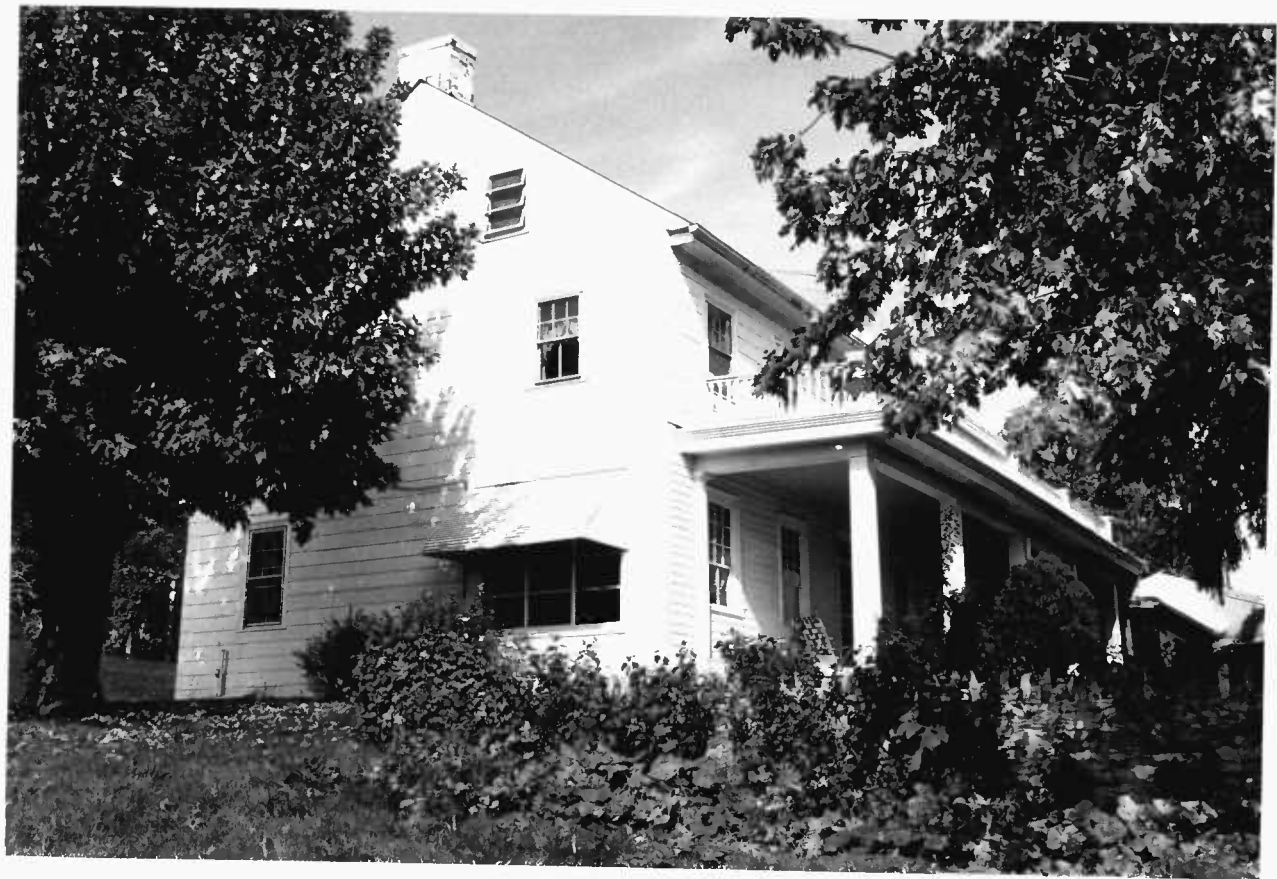
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